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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Neuruppin and Oranienburg

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1. On 22 February 1952, 30 to 40 pontoon carriers with pontoons were seen in Gentzrode near Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49). A unit which had left the post by rail on 18 February returned to the post on 23 February. A troop review held on Schuetzenplatz involved about 5,000 troops with 15 flags from the Fridericus Kaserne and about 1,500 troops with 9 flags from the Franz Kaserne and the See Kaserne. *

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2. [] on 25 February, troops were unloaded from 9 boxcars and about 25 trucks from 30 flatcars, at the Oranienburg freight station. A troop train loaded [] consisted of: 2 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 2 boxcars with ammunition boxes; [] 12 AT guns of about 100-mm and 1 field kitchen. The train left [] Another troop train loaded [] consisted of: 5 boxcars carrying troops with red-bordered black epaulets; 2 boxcars with ammunition boxes; [] 12 AT guns of about 100-mm, [] and 1 field kitchen. The train departed [] The three trains came in and departed via the Berlin freight circuit. **

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3. According to the records of the 6th Railroad Subdistrict, Oranienburg, 14 boxcars and 31 flatcars were to be assembled into a troop train [] on 25 February; and 14 boxcars and 27 flatcars [] the same day. **

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- * [] Comment. The engineer unit observed in Gentzrode is probably the 205th Engr Bn of the 12th Cds Tank Div which is believed to be stationed in Gentzrode. [] the Hq 12th Cds Tank Div to have returned to the post on 21 February 1952. [] The review was probably held on the occasion of Red Army Day.

- ** [] Comment. The identity of the unit unloaded in Oranienburg cannot be established. [] the units loaded on the two trains were components of the heavy AT artillery regiment of the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Second Cds Mecz Div. As the trains departed via the Berlin freight circuit, they were possibly bound for Jueterbog.

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